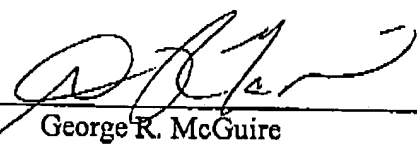


as a prior art reference. Accordingly, the allowance of the present applicant is in order and is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and accompanying Declaration, the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

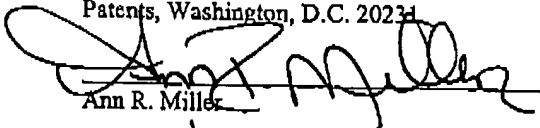
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